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Methods for Accelerated Water Evaporation

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Western Pump & Dredge, Inc.

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**  
**IN ACCORDANCE WITH 37 C.F.R. § 1.115**

Before calculating filing fees and before examining the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on separate page 2 of this paper,

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on separate page 8 of this paper, and note that

**Remarks** begin on page 12 of this paper.

In accordance with the amendment directions provided in 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 as recently changed, please amend the specification on pages 1, 4, 12-17 and 43 and cancel claims 1-39 and 61-158. Each amendment is believed to have been made in accordance with Rule 121, however, should any unintended informality exist, it is requested that the undersigned be contacted by telephone so that it may be resolved as expediently as possible.